

Official Syrian line says Assad healthy

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and agencies

Syrian President Hafez Assad yesterday was officially reported to have inaugurated a new public building in Damascus to mark the 38th anniversary of Syria's independence from France.

Yesterday's report by the official news agency Sana follows another exclusive report by the agency on Monday, according to which Assad met in Damascus with Abdel Salam Aloud, second in command to Libyan leader Muammar Gaddafi.

Neither report has been corroborated by any other source, fueling suspicion that Sana may deliberately be trying to scotch rumors that Assad's health has badly deteriorated.

Assad suffered a heart ailment late last year which caused him to disappear from the public eye for almost two months. He has since reasserted his authority in Damascus, but has attempted to lighten his work load by delegating responsibility to three newly appointed deputy presidents.

Assad's illness led to a power struggle in Damascus for the succession, as it was thought he might die or be permanently incapacitated.

Although Assad reportedly defused the situation by neutralizing his would-be successors through a series of calculated appointments, there have been persistent reports, mainly in the Western press, that all is not well in the Syrian capital.

Soldier lightly hurt by grenade in Nabatiya

Jerusalem Post Reporter

METULLA. — An IDF soldier was slightly wounded Monday night when a handgrenade was thrown at an army convoy in Nabatiya.

Light-arms fire was directed

yesterday at an IDF patrol in the Bourj as-Shammali refugee camp near Tyre. A local man was arrested and said that he had opened fire because he thought the soldiers were terrorists.

Two hours of Beirut fighting; ceasefire holds in Tripoli

BEIRUT (AP). — Lebanon's civil-war combatants fought a two-hour battle in and around Beirut yesterday as diplomatic efforts persisted in trying to separate the antagonists and proclaim a Moslem-Christian national coalition government.

Police said Moslem and Christian militiamen clashed at 2 p.m. with mortars, bazookas, anti-aircraft guns, and heavy machine guns in the war-ravaged commercial district straddling Beirut's closed port.

The fighting quickly spread to the Primo-Sodeco-Berjawi residential neighbourhoods on the "green line" between the city's Christian and Moslem sectors and to suburban areas around St. Michael's Church on the city's southeastern entrance, according to police.

Army units loyal to Christian president Amin Gemayel's administration traded artillery and tank cannon fire with Syrian-backed Druse militiamen around the strategic town of Souk al-Gharb on the first mountain ridge east of

Beirut at mid-afternoon, police reported.

Police, meanwhile, said a ceasefire was holding yesterday in Lebanon's northern port city of Tripoli after two days of street battles between local pro-Syrian and fundamentalist Sunni Moslem militias that left 11 people dead and 62 wounded.

Last night, the Christian "Voice of Lebanon" radio reported that Syrian Vice-President Abdul-Halim Khaddam had telephoned Gemayel to set tomorrow for the long-delayed summit between Gemayel and Syrian President Hafez Assad.

The report could not be immediately confirmed by palace sources. The summit had been expected last week. There has been no official explanation for the delay.

Meanwhile, senior aides of Druse opposition leader Walid Jumblatt returned from three days of talks with Syrian officials in Damascus and met Tuesday with Shiite opposition leader Nabih Berri to brief him on the outcome.



Police wearing flak jackets crouch outside the Libyan Peoples Bureau yesterday in central London after a London policewoman was killed and 10 Libyan anti-Gaddafi marchers were shot from the Libyan Embassy. (L.P. telephone)

South African premier likely to visit in June

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — South African Prime Minister P.W. Botha is likely to visit Israel during a European tour in June, South African sources said this week.

Foreign Ministry sources in Jerusalem said last night that they knew nothing of the visit.

Details of Botha's proposed itinerary are being kept secret for security reasons and to limit demonstrations against him in European capitals. But it has been confirmed that he will visit Bonn at the invitation of West German Chancellor Helmut Kohl in early

June and that he will visit Lisbon for talks with Portuguese Prime Minister Mario Soares.

Botha's other destinations are likely to be Spain, Italy and Switzerland, the sources said.

The South African news agency Sapa reported this week that a visit to Israel is likely, given what is described as the extent of the two countries' economic and military links. Botha, a former defence minister, is considered the architect of South Africa's arms production and sales programme.

The last visit to Israel by a South African leader was by then prime minister John Vorster in 1976.

Legal bid to save Gahal pact

By SARAH HONIG
Post Political Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The Herut secretariat is to meet tomorrow to discuss the Liberal Party refusal to consider any amendment of the Gahal agreement, which in 1955 determined the ratio of Liberals to Herut MKs on the Likud list.

Last week the Herut secretariat decided that the agreement must be reviewed and entrusted the matter to Deputy Premier David Levy. Now, in face of the Liberal refusal to even discuss a change, Levy wants the secretariat to involve itself again so that he will not be held personally accountable should

the agreement remain unamended. Meanwhile, nothing can be done about the agreement until tomorrow because of a court injunction secured by a Liberal member, Dror Harish. Harish says he plans to run as candidate for one of the Liberal Knesset slots, and that any amendment of the agreement would be detrimental to his interests. He secured an interim injunction in effect until tomorrow.

Although Herut insiders say they will insist on some amendments, it is thought that Herut will make do with veto powers to weed out "undesirables" from the Liberal candidates on the Likud Knesset list.

SWAPO denies blame for death of 2 U.S. diplomats

PRETORIA (AP). — The head of South West Africa's security police says the bomb that killed two American diplomats there on Sunday was probably not meant for them.

The Johannesburg Star quoted Col Sarel Strydom as saying a bomb, probably a limpet mine, had been attached to a pump at a petrol station where the two had apparently stopped to refuel. Dennis Keogh, the 44-year-old head of the U.S. Liaison Office in South West Africa (Namibia), and Ken Crabtree, a military aide described as in his mid-40s, were on their way to a

briefing on South Africa's troop withdrawal from Marxist Angola. The petrol station, 40 kilometres from the Angolan border, is in an area where guerrillas of the South West African People's Organization (SWAPO) have been active. SWAPO leader Sam Nujoma denied any connection between his group and the blast. He said the attack may have been a "provocation" by South Africa "to make the question of Namibia's future more difficult."

The flag-draped coffins of Keogh and Crabtree arrived in Pretoria yesterday on their way to New York. (Salvador killing — page 2)

Policewoman killed, 10 hurt Libyan embassy siege after London shootings

LONDON (Reuters). — Police late last night were still laying siege to the Libyan Embassy here, after a gunman firing from a ground-floor window sprayed bullets into a demonstration, killing a young policewoman.

Police sealed off elegant St. James's Square after the mid-morning shooting in which 10 demonstrators, all opponents of Libyan leader Muammar Gaddafi, were wounded.

Home Secretary Leon Brittan said police wanted everyone out of the building so that it could be searched for arms and explosives.

He said Libyan diplomats not in the "People's Bureau" (embassy) at

the time of the shooting had been contacted with a view to persuading their compatriots to quit the building.

A police officer at the scene said the authorities were in touch with those inside the building. "We are endeavouring to resolve the situation without further bloodshed," he said.

Brittan, who has taken charge of the crisis in the absence of Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher now visiting Portugal, said the shooting was a "barbarous outrage." A strong protest had already been lodged with Tripoli.

Libya's Foreign Ministry said it had warned Britain against allowing the demonstration.

The ministry statement, carried by the Libyan news agency Jana,

also said Libya had information indicating that British police were preparing to storm the people's bureau in London.

The Libyan ministry statement, monitored by the BBC in London, said the embassy had asked the British government to prevent the planned demonstration and the British ambassador in Tripoli was summoned and "informed of the danger of such a demonstration taking place."

Meanwhile, the BBC said last night there were "unconfirmed reports" that troops had surrounded the British Embassy in Tripoli.

Britain's Foreign Office refused to comment. An official at the embassy, reached by telephone from London, said simply, "We're fine."

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Reagan orders cooperation with Israel U.S. in new anti-terrorist drive

By WOLF BLITZER
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WASHINGTON. — President Reagan has ordered closer intelligence cooperation with Israel and other friendly states as part of a more intensive U.S. effort to fight worldwide terrorism.

Administration officials confirmed that Reagan has signed a national security directive proposing that the U.S. follow Israel's lead in adopting several controversial steps to fight terror. The directive calls for the use of pre-emptive strikes, reprisals and large monetary rewards for information about suspected terrorist attacks.

It was widely reported here yesterday that as much as \$500,000 might be offered to individuals with information about terrorist plans.

White House spokesman Larry Speakes told reporters on Monday that the president would soon submit new legislation to Congress seeking formal authorization for the

proposed measures. "The legislation is basically ways to improve our cooperation with other nations in an effort to counteract terrorism," Speakes said. "It would include more cooperation, more sharing of intelligence."

Other U.S. officials said Israel has long been a major source of information for Washington about Arab terrorist groups. U.S.-Israeli cooperation in this area has been close in the past, they said. "It will become closer now," one U.S. official commented.

Reagan's National Security Decision Directive 138, signed on April 3 but not officially confirmed until this week, does not authorize the use of assassination against suspected terrorists, U.S. officials said.

It comes as U.S. specialists are bracing for more "state-sponsored terrorism" against the U.S., Israel and other western states. The chief

culprits, according to the Americans, are Syria, Libya, Iran and the PLO.

The most recent terrorist attacks in Israel have received extensive publicity in the U.S., generating considerable concern among official U.S. circles of a possible spread of such incidents to the U.S., especially during the Summer Olympics in Los Angeles.

Security for those games will be extremely tight. Thousands of security personnel are already preparing for the challenge. The FBI, the CIA, the U.S. Army and other governmental agencies have trained anti-terrorist squads for possible use during the Olympics.

Ever since Israel's destruction of the PLO infrastructure in Lebanon during the summer of 1982, U.S. specialists have been anticipating a revival of the random terrorism aimed against Israeli and other Jewish targets since the late 1960s.

PLO must prepare for victory of Israel Labour

KUWAIT. — Palestine Liberation Organization leader Salah Khalaf revealed here yesterday that the organization had presented Jordan with a proposal for a joint approach to Middle East peace negotiations.

Khalaf, second to Yasser Arafat in the PLO's central terrorist group, Fatah, told reporters that the main points of the proposal were: Rejection of the Reagan peace initiative; rejection of the Camp David accords for peace between Israel and

IDF confirms all hijackers killed in rescue operation

Post Defence Reporter

TEL AVIV. — An Israel Defence Forces spokesman last night said two of the terrorists in last week's bus hijacking were killed outright in the assault on the bus by troops at dawn last Friday. The two others were mortally wounded and died on the way to the hospital, he said.

Press photographs reportedly showing two people being led from the bus by soldiers were probably pictures of Arab passengers who

were not involved in the hijacking, he said.

The New York Times carried a story by Israel correspondent David Shipper reporting that two of the terrorists had been taken prisoner.

TO OUR READERS
We apologize to our readers who did not receive the paper on Monday morning. Delivery was delayed in some areas due to a mechanical breakdown.
The Editors



U.S. television actors Robert (Benson) Guillaume (above) and Albert Haig ("Prof. Shersofsky" of Fame), sitting with his wife taking part in a Seder on Monday night at Tel Aviv's Astoria Hotel. (Pessah story — Page 2). (Israel Sun)

NEWS BACKGROUND/Viorel Urman, Bucharest

Banned poems anger Jews in Rumania

A RECENTLY PUBLISHED book of poetry has stirred up a controversy over anti-Semitism in Rumania unparalleled since the Communists came to power here in 1947.

Rumanian Chief Rabbi Moses Rosen has accused a "gang of neo-fascists and hoodlums of the pen" of spreading "the anti-Semitic poison."

The controversy, which has not been mentioned in the official media, centres on *Saurmala*, by Corneliu Vadim Tudor, who has written several books with an historical, nationalistic bent. Tudor also has contributed regularly to *Saptamuna*, a cultural weekly edited by Bucharest's Committee for

Culture and Socialist Education. In an interview at the Jewish community headquarters, Rosen said the book contained many anti-Semitic allusions and connotations. The book was banned two months after publication.

Rosen, 71, vowed his 29,000-strong community would not let the matter "be forgotten."

He said he sued Tudor for instigation to "propaganda against socialist order," chauvinism and insulting "state dignitaries." The charges would carry a maximum of 15 years in jail, according to the Rumanian penal code.

But it was unclear if or when a trial would be scheduled. Rosen said *Saurmala* and other

recent writings he did not identify had brought "considerable damage to socialist Rumania's prestige abroad."

Rosen said he met with high-ranking officials who told him "there is no anti-Semitism." But Rosen said he did not agree and has applied for a meeting with President Nicolae Ceausescu to explain the case.

Rosen said he was shocked in particular by a poem alluding to himself and Jews in general, opening with the lines: "Sad gambler, you, monument of hatred, stray draped in cherry-coloured shroud."

THOUGH ROSEN was not mentioned by name, attentive readers

could infer it from initials of a word combination, he said.

The poem also contains phrases like "Traitor...without a homeland," "Crucify," and "You'd better sell buttons and cheap brandy."

Tudor said in his book the poem was intended as a pamphlet against Rumanian emigres defaming their country abroad. He also said in an interview he had nothing against Rosen.

"There are malicious exaggerations," he said, adding that the issue had been overblown.

Rosen said Jewish leaders around the world, such as Edgar Bronfman, chairman of the World Jewish

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Histadrut slams gov't care of areas workers

By ROY ISACOWITZ
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV — Histadrut Secretary-General Yeroham Meshel has warned Defence Minister Moshe Arens that the labour federation may take legal steps to ensure the payment through the Histadrut of social benefits to workers from the territories.

Until now, workers from the West Bank and Gaza have been paid out of a special government fund instead of by the Histadrut's insurance and pension funds, as is done with most workers within the Green Line. The Histadrut alleges that the government fund does not follow correct procedures and does not meet the needs of the workers.

Where the money to be paid by Histadrut funds, the labour federation would open branches in the areas to provide speedy services, the Histadrut says.

In a telegram to Arens this week, Meshel warned that the Histadrut would weigh legal steps if the payment of the social benefits is not

quickly put into the labour federation's hands. He noted that the recommendations of a joint committee established six months ago to study the matter have not been implemented. Meshel charged that the matter is being held up by "government elements," believed to be the Treasury and the Labour Ministry.

The committee, comprising former coordinator of activities in the areas Binyamin Ben-Eliezer and Histadrut central committee member Gideon Ben-Yisrael, recommended the transfer to Histadrut funds of the social benefits of the workers from the areas employed in Israel.

Meshel added that if the matter is not dealt with speedily, Israel could find the matter coming up for debate in the International Labour Organization. This would be an unpleasant and unwanted occurrence, Meshel said. An ILO delegation visited Israel to investigate the matter and recommended that the Histadrut handle it.



A rescuer assists one of the victims of a traffic accident yesterday on the Tel Aviv-Jerusalem highway. Two other persons were seriously injured. (Tahamim Israel)

Treasury pressed to free money for new settlements

Post Economic Reporter

Political elements linked to the coalition are pressuring the Treasury to release sums for settlements ahead of schedule, ministry officials told *The Jerusalem Post* on Monday.

Ministry officials told *The Post* that the budget division has so far been able to avoid deviating from the approved budget for settlement, despite pressure by Herut and Tehiya on Finance Minister Yigal Cohen-Orad.

Cohen-Orad has been on vaca-

tion since last weekend, but it is expected that the efforts to get his approval for larger sums for settlements in the administered territories will be renewed today, as he returns to work.

The objective of these efforts is to get as many new settlements started as possible before the elections.

The Treasury reiterated that the minister has made it clear he will not deviate from the budget. The ministry said Cohen-Orad has the support of Prime Minister Shamir on the issue.

Two deaths attributed to stormy weather

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA — Bad visibility caused by the recent stormy weather apparently cost the life of a railway worker Monday morning while lightning yesterday struck and killed a young farmer.

Ya'acov Itzhak, 64, of Haifa, was run over and killed by a train while he was checking the rails in the bayside area. The train's engineer

did not see him and his body was found later by the engineer of another train.

In another weather-related death, a 17-year-old youth from the Western Galilee Beduin village of Tamra was killed instantly yesterday when he was struck by lightning.

Munir Hussein Abu al-Hija was sowing a field while riding the family tractor in pouring rain when he was hit.

Youngsters to retrace Palmah trails

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Some 10,000 youngsters are expected to march on Independence Day along the Palmah battle trails near Jerusalem.

Former Palmah commanders will be at the battle sites to explain what happened there in the pre-statehood days, and instructors will discuss the scenery and the history on the way.

Baruch Tirosh, a member of the Palmah Veterans Association, said an estimated 1,500 Bnei Akiva members will follow. Netiv Ha-Ishai and Hashomer

Haifa youngsters will walk from Sha'ar Hagai to the Castel, and 1,000 Scouts will tour the battle sites in Katamon, Mount Zion and the Old City in Jerusalem.

Members of kibbutzim and of the Mahanot Olim and Noar Oved Voluntary Youth Movements will follow other trails. Some 1,000 U.S. youth leaders will also march, he said.

The marchers will then go to Sacher Park in Jerusalem for a rally with President Chaim Herzog and will end the day with singing and dancing in the streets.

Sick fund, Modan clash over Haifa heart unit

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA — A dispute has erupted between the Histadrut's Kupat Holim and Health Ministry director-general Baruch Modan over the status of the cardiac department at the sick fund's Carmel Hospital here.

The Kupat Holim spokesman charged on Sunday that Modan was deliberately refusing to grant the

department specialist status despite a recommendation to that effect by the Israel Medical Association's scientific council.

Modan replied that his ministry had agreed the establishment of a cardiac department at the hospital provided that it works in conjunction with a similar unit at the government's Rambam Hospital. He said he would grant the request if it was for both hospitals' units.

Nazareth men charged with burning bus

NAZARETH (Itim). — Two local

men were charged in district court here on Monday with setting fire to and destroying an Egged bus in 1982.

Zuhair Batahshish, 23, and Roshdi Shehadeh, 22, are accused of throwing petrol bombs into the bus during a memorial meeting for the people

massacred in the Sabra and Shatilla refugee camps in Beirut.

Also in Nazareth, police on Monday said that three men have confessed to stoning an Egged bus three weeks ago on the Tiberias-Haifa road. Two passengers were hurt in that attack. The three men are to be charged in court this week.

Man suspected of receiving heroin in letter

TEL AVIV (Itim). — A Tel Aviv

man was remanded on Monday by the magistrates court for six days on suspicion of possessing three grams of heroin, which police say were hidden in an envelope inside his underpants.

Daniel Avraham, 22, was arrested following a search the police made after being informed by postal authorities that they had intercepted a letter for him containing an unidentified substance.

The police said they examined the substance — contained in a small packet inside a letter mailed to the suspect from Thailand — and

found it to be heroin. They released the letter and let it be delivered to the suspect, setting up surveillance near his mailbox.

After Avraham took the letter into his apartment, the detectives arrived and conducted a search. In addition to the heroin, which Avraham had slipped into his underpants, police say they found a small quantity of hashish in the apartment.

Avraham denied any connection with heroin, maintaining he was not responsible for the letter being mailed to him from Thailand.

Beduin demand spot on Labour's Knesset list

Jerusalem Post Reporter

BEERSHEBA. — During a brief meeting here on Sunday, Beduin representatives declared that if the Labour Party does not give the Beduin a realistic position on its list in the Knesset elections, they will consider an alignment with another party.

Dr. Yunis Abu-Rabia, son of the late Knesset member who was murdered three years ago, wanted to issue an ultimatum to Labour

leader Shimon Peres, but was dissuaded by more moderate Beduin notables.

Since the death of Sheikh Hamad Abu-Rabia, Negev Beduin have lacked a strong, central leader and the prestige of the sheikhs in the region has eroded as Beduin urbanize and take their affairs into their own hands.

Peres said last night that he had agreed to meet with a delegation soon to discuss the matter.

Nablus murder suspect released on IS1m. bail

TEL AVIV (Itim). — Ephraim

Segal, 27, of Elon Moreh, charged with being an accomplice after the fact in the December murder of 11-year-old Aisha Ba'ash of Nablus, was released on IS 1 million bail for the first two days of Pessah.

The Tel Aviv District Court per-

mitted Segal's release on condition he had no contact with witnesses for the prosecution. Segal was expected to spend much of his release visiting his wife in the maternity ward of Jerusalem's Shaare Zedek Hospital, where she was due to give birth.

IDF denies charges of Ansar torture

Jerusalem Post Staff

TEL AVIV. — The IDF Sunday described Palestinian charges of torture in an Israeli prison camp in Southern Lebanon last year as "outright lies and propaganda."

A group of Palestinians released from the Ansar camp, who arrived in Amman, on Saturday accused the Israelis of murdering and torturing prisoners.

The IDF spokesman said representatives of the International Red Cross had constantly been in

Ansar. "The Red Cross kept a regular watch on this camp, unlike any prison camps in Arab countries where prisoners are kept incommunicado and are tortured for years," the spokesman said.

"It is interesting that the Palestinian terrorists chose to make their charges now, a few days after their murderous action against a civilian bus in Israel and their cowardly attack two weeks ago on civilians in Jerusalem," he added.

Radar improvements for Ben-Gurion

By JOSHUA BRILLIANT
Jerusalem Post Reporter

The Airport Authority, with the close help of U.S. Federal Aviation Administration experts, will soon finish installing a new surveillance radar at Ben-Gurion Airport. The radar will become operational in March 1985 because it is to be linked to a computer which is yet to be installed.

The unit will replace a naval radar bought from Elta in 1973 which Giora Nagid, responsible for Airport Authority operational planning and development, had warned was sub-standard.

"Procedures may one day harm flight security in the worst possible way," he wrote in a letter to the Authority. The letter was shown to *The Jerusalem Post* last week.

It said many technical faults had been detected in the Elta radar — including problems with reception. The new radar, the Texas Instruments ASR-8, will give air-traffic controllers a picture of what is happening up to 60 nautical miles away. Its elliptical red dish has already been installed on a grey metal tower built near the point where the east-west and north-east-south-west runways meet.

Workers are now completing installation of the radar's remaining elements.

The ASR-8 has been leased to

Israel by the FAA, which will also provide the training on how to use it. Israel built the radar's concrete base according to the U.S. specifications, and the FAA sent everything else.

The agreement concluded with the FAA on January 7, 1983 says the radar is supplied "pending the acquisition of a replacement radar system." But there is no deadline for the lease; an accompanying letter says the U.S. must give Israel at least two years advance warning before it takes the system back.

In an interview last week, the chairman of the Airport Authority's Board of Directors, Arieh Grozbor, said the Americans had made it clear they were giving the radar to Israel on very favourable terms on condition it buys an American automated terminal system for use with the radar.

Israel chose the Burroughs ARTS-II used in some 90 U.S. terminals. Grozbor explained that production of the ARTS-I had ceased and the ARTS-III was too big for Ben-Gurion Airport. The ARTS II is suited for airports handling up to 250,000 to 300,000 flights a year. There are some 30,000 to 60,000 flights yearly in and out of Ben-Gurion, he added.

The Airports Authority did not issue a tender for the system, but the State Comptroller's spokesman said that an investigation into the matter

a year ago suggested there has been no offence.

Grozbor said last week the whole system was cheapest of all those produced in the western world. Israel will pay \$20,000 to use the ASR-8 radar for each of the first two years and \$71,000 for every subsequent year. The ARTS-II will cost \$1m.

The combination of the ARTS-II and the ASR-8 will give air-traffic controllers a picture including the plane's identifying code and altitude. It will move automatically with the aircraft, which will make it easier to identify each blip on the screen.

Grozbor said the FAA is working on an addition to the system which will chart the planes' continuing courses. If it finds two planes on a collision path, the Automatic Collision Warning system will sound and the screen will blink on and off.

The new system will make flying into and out from Israel safer and will permit heavier use of Ben-Gurion Airport, Grozbor said. He explained that because of present equipment, planes approaching the airport must now be spaced at least 17 kilometres from each other, a flying time of five to six minutes. When the new system becomes operational, the planes will be able to maintain distances of five kilometres, the equivalent of one minute's flying time.

'Victim' gets kissing scene cut from film

HAIFA (Itim). — A man who was

surprisingly filmed kissing an actress he thought was demonstrating a new lipstick has succeeded in having the segment cut from a "candid camera" movie being shown in cinemas throughout the country.

The Haifa Magistrates Court on Monday worked out a compromise agreement between the reluctant embracer and director Yehuda Barkan, who filmed the scene as part of his new movie, *The Big Laugh*.

The compromise, which has the effect of a court verdict, requires Barkan to remove the kissing scene from all copies of the film and bars

him from making any use of it in other film media.

The plaintiff, who is in charge of computer programming at Israel Aircraft Industries and also teaches at a technical school, was approached by an actress who pretended to be demonstrating cosmetics. She first invited the man to test the effect of two different deodorants, by sniffing her armpits.

After he complied, she asked him to let her kiss him, ostensibly to "test" if a new lipstick would leave a mark. After experimenting with kisses on his cheeks, he agreed to further testing on his mouth. All the action was filmed by Barkan's hidden camera.

When the movie began showing in Haifa area cinemas, the plaintiff originally was amused. However, he told the court, his notoriety soon became a nuisance, disrupting his life at home and at work.

He complained to the court that he had been made to appear a "sissy" who was embarrassed to kiss a pretty woman, a fool who fell for a trick and a man who was afraid of his wife and who was struck dumb by a pretty actress.

He argued that unless the segment were cut from the movie, his privacy would continue to be harmed to the extent that he soon would be too embarrassed to appear in public.

RUMANIAN JEWS

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Congress, have written to Ceausescu expressing indignation. Copies of Tudor's book, first published last December, reportedly reached the West. Before it was banned, 1,800 copies were sold.

The controversial book, however, received good reviews from critics in the state-run media before further distribution was prohibited. "With *Saturnalia*, Tudor's poetry witnesses a full maturation," wrote a critic in the bi-monthly *Tribuna Romaniei*.

"The poet... embodying a kind of vitalistic messianism has adequately distilled his natural gift, which takes the path of social and historical poetry and has found the formula which apparently suits him best," *Tribuna Romaniei* said.

The rabbi said *Saturnalia* contains vocabulary of the Iron Guard, a

pro-Hitler fascist group that operated in Rumania in the early 1940s. Anti-Semitism reached its peak here from 1940-44, but after World War II, members of the Iron Guard were tried and jailed.

A RESOLUTION adopted by Jewish community leaders last month said, in part, "with deep sadness we note that in clear contradiction to the line of the party and government... a gang of neo-fascists and hoodlums of the pen... are instigating hatred against the Jewish population in this country."

It added: "The number and intensity of these attacks increased last year, culminating with *Saturnalia*."

The resolution was banned from publication in the Jewish bi-monthly organ *Cultural Mosaic* by the Department of Cults overseeing religious life in Rumania, Rosen said, but a copy of it was displayed

for public reading at community headquarters in Bucharest.

The statement also demanded the right to answer the anti-Jewish attacks publicly in the Rumanian regime-controlled press.

Rosen, spiritual leader of Rumania's Jews for 37 years and the oldest active chief rabbi in Europe, is also a member of the Rumanian "Grand National Assembly."

"The government has the duty to investigate this case," Rosen insisted, adding that Tudor continued to publish articles in *Saturnalia* for some time.

Rumania permits Jews to emigrate to Israel. Its post-war Jewish population totalled 400,000. Today, it is down to 29,000.

Rumania is also the only East European country maintaining full diplomatic relations with Israel.

(Associated Press)



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Nicaraguan rebels plan own regime

SAN SALVADOR (AP). — A rebel leader in Nicaragua has said he would establish a provisional government in the southern part of the country, challenging Sandinista rule.

A jubilant Eden Pastora announced the plans for the provisional government on Monday, after his forces took control of the Caribbean port town of San Juan del Norte, 290 km. southeast of the Nicaraguan capital, Managua.

Pastora, known as "Commander Zero" during the revolution that overthrew the late rightist strongman Anastasio Somoza in Nicaragua, broke with the victorious Sandinistas over their close ties with the Soviet Union and Cuba.

The Nicaraguan government confirmed on Sunday that rebels had seized San Juan del Norte, the first time it has lost control of a town since insurgents launched their fight against the Sandinistas in 1981.

Defence Minister Humberto Ortega said in Managua that it would be hard to recapture the town because it is isolated by mountains and jungles. He conceded it is possible the rebels "will be able to continue operating in the area."

Cyprus raps Turkey

NICOSIA (AP). — Cyprus has protested the exchange of ambassadors between Turkey and the self-proclaimed independent Turkish Cypriot state, branding the move "unacceptable and illegal."

"The government will study all the required steps to confront this new provocative action by the Turkish side, which is contrary to every sense of legality," Cypriot government spokesman Andreas Christofides declared yesterday.

Turkey and the breakaway Turkish Cypriot state, established in the Turkish-occupied part of the island last November, announced the establishment of full diplomatic relations and the accreditation of ambassadors between them simultaneously earlier in the day.

"This is a completely unacceptable, illegal and arbitrary action, null from the start, since there is no such (Turkish Cypriot) state, but only an illegal secessionist regime," Christofides said.

The unexpected development came while Hugo Gobb, a special representative of the UN secretary-general, was in Cyprus trying to defuse the latest crisis on the walled island.

The UN Security Council, meeting in extraordinary session immediately after the Turkish Cypriot secessionist move last November, branded the unilateral declaration of independence "legally invalid" and demanded its recall.

The crisis and Gobb's arrival in Cyprus on Sunday followed an announcement, by Turkish Cypriot leader Rauf Denktaş last week of the staging of a referendum to approve a new constitution for his breakaway state on August 19.

W. German strike looms

DUESSELDORF (Reuters). — Talks between West Germany's biggest trade union and employers aimed at averting a national strike over shorter working hours broke down yesterday, an employers association leader said.

Both sides have said they regard the talks on the issue of a 35-hour week as a final bid to seek a negotiated settlement.

After three months of fruitless negotiations, leaders of the IG Metall metalworkers union, agreed 11 days ago to make one last effort to reach agreement.

The 2.5 million member union is pushing for a five-hour reduction in the working week with no loss of pay, a demand the employers rejected.

The union has said the 35-hour week could be achieved in stages over several years.

Employers have offered the union a 3.3 per cent pay rise and an early retirement scheme.

The militant IG Druck und Papier print union, which stopped most national newspapers with a one-day strike on Friday, said it was considering further disruptions at selected targets.

But its leaders have now said they are ready to negotiate a shorter working week without increasing employer's costs.



Demonstrators on Monday in Sao Paulo, Brazil demand popular presidential elections. (UPI)

Million Brazilians demand vote

SAO PAULO (Reuters). — More than a million Brazilians took to the streets of Sao Paulo on Saturday night to demand the right to vote for the country's next president. It was the country's largest demonstration in more than 20 years.

The rally was the latest in a series mounted by opposition parties in the run-up to a congressional constitutional amendment vote scheduled for April 25 to allow the next president of Brazil to be chosen directly by the people.

But even as the crowds gathered, the government moved to defuse the campaign by offering its own amendment which would restore

direct voting for presidential candidates, but only in the following elections in 1988. This amendment also calls for cutting the presidential term of office from six to four years.

Under the government's proposal, the successor to President Jose Figueiredo would still be chosen by an electoral college in which the ruling Social Democrat Party has a majority.

But neither the government nor the opposition have the necessary two-thirds majority of congressional seats to ensure passage of their proposals.

Fifty government informers said killed by Afghan rebels

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan (AP). — About 50 Afghan government spies were rounded up and almost certainly executed in a purge of resistance ranks last week by Panjsher Valley commander Ahmad Shah Masud as he prepared for a fresh offensive against his rebel stronghold, a western diplomat here said yesterday.

Masud, Afghanistan's most popular resistance figure, nicknamed "The Lion of Panjsher" for his military prowess, moved against the informers following reports that the communist regime in Kabul had raised the price on his head.

The source, quoting the latest diplomatic dispatches from the Afghan capital, did not have any information on the fate of the spies but he agreed it was very likely they were put to death by firing squads as usually happens in such cases.

Masud reportedly became aware of the operatives' identities after receiving reports from his own informers who had infiltrated the secret police network.

Soviet occupation forces in Afghanistan have long been expected to mount a new offensive against the valley following last January's expiration of a year-long truce.

Asylum for E. German who fled Kabul

GIESSEN, West Germany (AP). — An East German woman arrived at a refugee camp in West Germany after a daring escape from Afghanistan, the camp spokesman said yesterday.

Kristin Beck, 25, was secretly flown to West Germany on the weekend from Pakistan, where she arrived a month ago after escaping from Kabul.

She was described as the first citizen of an Eastern Bloc country to seek asylum from Afghanistan since Soviet forces invaded the country nearly five years ago.

At a news conference last week, Beck said she arrived in Afghanistan last September for linguistic studies at Kabul University.

Displeasure with life in Afghanistan prompted her to contact a rebel group that spirited her out of the country, she told reporters.

Soviet official lauds Hart's foreign-policy programme

ROME (Reuters). — A prominent Soviet official said in an interview published yesterday that he likes the foreign policy programme of U.S. Democratic presidential hopeful Gary Hart.

Vadim Zagladin, first deputy head of the Soviet Communist Party's international department, told the Rome daily *Il Messaggero* he did not know Sen. Hart personally, "so I cannot like him or dislike him."

But he added: "His programme on foreign-policy problems, what he says, is to my liking in that he calls for the relaxation of tension and the improvement of Soviet-American relations."

Zagladin, who often acts as a spokesman for the Kremlin, said, however, that Moscow does not

want to interfere in the presidential campaign.

In Washington on Monday, the Rev. Jesse Jackson accused his Democratic Party presidential rivals of "selling the American public snake oil (worthless cure-alls)" by advocating both higher defence budgets and increased social spending.

The fight for the Democratic presidential nomination has shifted to Missouri, where Jackson and Hart are campaigning for the 75 delegates at stake in party caucuses today. Leading contender Walter Mondale yesterday completed a three-day campaign break. He heads to Missouri today for a caucus-day appeal to voters.

Thorny problems unsolved in talks on Hongkong future

PEKING (Reuters). — Substantial problems remain unresolved in Sino-British negotiations on the future of Hongkong, British diplomatic sources said yesterday.

"Several substantial points remain to be resolved," one source told reporters after two days of talks in Peking, between Foreign Secretary Sir Geoffrey Howe and Chinese leaders.

Asked if British negotiators accepted China's September deadline for a negotiated agreement on the

way Hongkong would be administered after China resumes sovereignty in 1997, he replied: "There is no timetable for Britain."

Howe will meet Chinese leader Deng Xiaoping today.

Yesterday's confirmation by a Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesman that the meeting would take place appeared to suggest that the discussions had made enough progress for Deng to become involved, British sources said.

But the later British remarks emphasized that there were still problems to solve before the territory's future could be announced.

Howe met Premier Zhao Ziyang yesterday after two rounds of talks with Foreign Minister Wu Xueqian on Monday. A Chinese government spokesman said the talks were held in a friendly atmosphere and both sides spoke about the possibility of an early solution.

"So long as the two sides have sincerity and work with a spirit of mutual trust it is highly possible to reach an early and satisfactory solution to the issue of Hongkong," Zhao was quoted as saying.

Thai jets bomb Vietnam troops on border hill

BANGKOK (AP). — Thai air force jets have pounded a hill in Thailand's Surin Province where intruding Vietnamese troops were believed to be hiding, and Thai ground forces were sent to clear the area, an army spokesman said yesterday.

Army spokesman Col. Pobsak Suttanand said the planes struck the hill on the northern tier of the Thai-Kampuchean border on Monday following reports that Vietnamese forces might be hiding there after they downed a Thai air force spotter plane in the area on Sunday.

Pobsak said he had no further details of the incident.

A personal representative in Thailand of Kampuchean resistance leader Prince Norodom Sihanouk, said in an interview with the Associated Press yesterday that Ban Charat, a Khmer Rouge Base, fell a few days ago and was "fully occupied" by Vietnamese troops.

In Peking, meanwhile, the official New China News Agency yesterday reported that Chinese militia units killed 21 Vietnamese soldiers and espionage agents in recent clashes along the border. It gave no Chinese casualties and said the frontier incidents occurred between April 9-12 in China's Yunnan and Guangxi provinces.



Gen. Mark Clark dies at 87

CHARLESTON, South Carolina. — Retired general Mark Clark, the commander of allied ground forces in Italy in World War II and commander of UN operations in the Korean War, died here early yesterday aged 87, a hospital spokesman said.

The spokesman at the South Carolina Medical University Hospital said Clark died of cancer after a long illness.

Clark, the son of an army colonel and a 1917 graduate of the military academy at West Point, served as a captain in World War I, where he was wounded.

He rose to become army ground forces chief of staff, and during World War II he led a successful secret mission by submarine to information in North Africa preparatory to the Allied invasion of 1942. As commander of the Fifth Army, he led the invasion of Italy in 1943 and participated in the capture of Rome in June, 1944.

He was promoted to full general in 1945.

On March 19, 1954, Clark was inaugurated president of the Citadel military school here. He served in that capacity until 1965 but never relinquished his close ties to the school, (Reuters, AP).

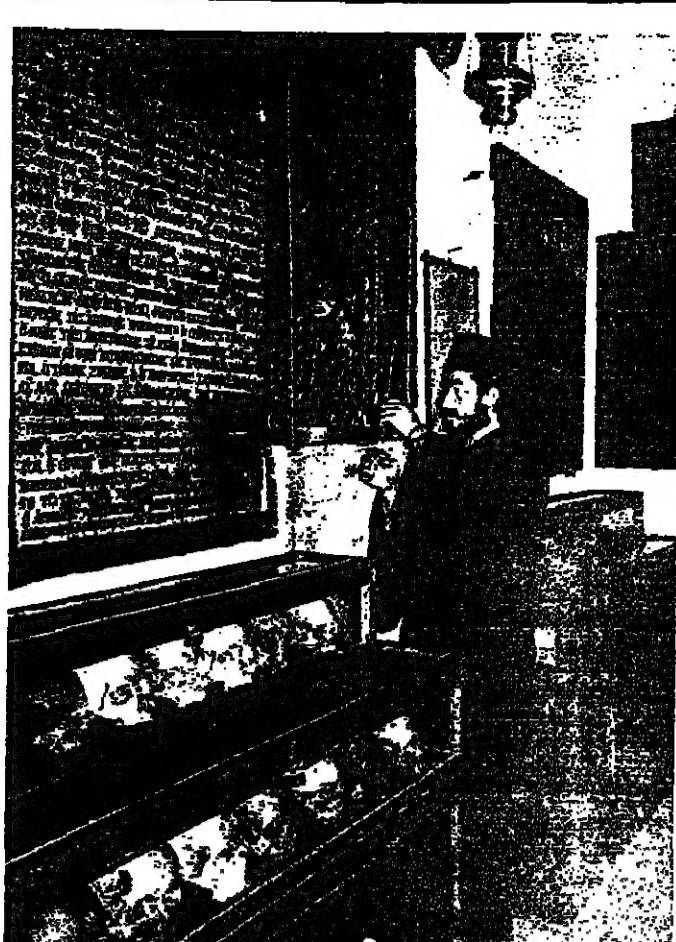
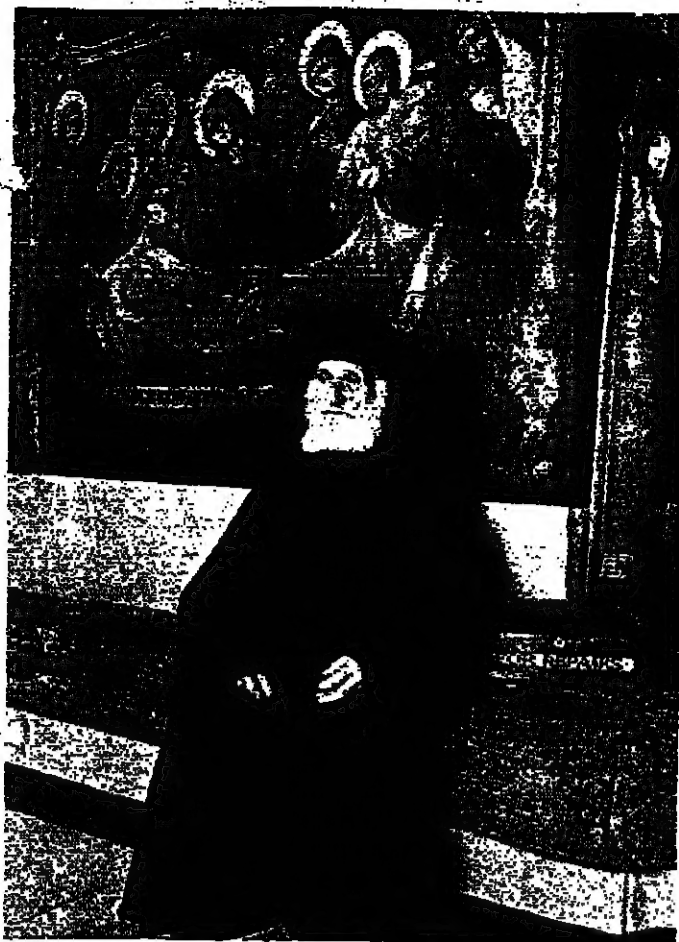
French pilot crashes in Chad

N'DJAMENA (Reuters). — French pilot died Monday when a Jaguar fighter-bomber crashed during a reconnaissance flight in Chad, the French high command in the Central African country said.

The pilot of a second aircraft was quoted as saying the plane crashed "for unexplained reasons" as it was flying at low altitude in a desert area in northwest Chad.

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From left: An elderly monk at the Mar Saba Monastery; ascent to the upper levels of the monastery; arched passageway; a young monk pays tribute to the memory of deceased fellow monks, whose skulls are displayed in cases alongside him.

THE RICHLY EMBROIDERED vestments of the Greek Orthodox Patriarch of Jerusalem last week stood out sharply against a barren hillside, where even the recent rains failed to bring forth more than a few thin blades of grass.

Surrounded by members of the Holy Synod, army officers, the head of the Civil Administration of Judea and Samaria and other government officials, the patriarch cut a ribbon, opening a newly paved road to the Mar Saba Monastery.

The road is narrow, steep and winding in places, but far superior to the dirt track which it replaces. During the winter rains, that road was sometimes cut off for weeks at a time.

One would imagine that monks choosing to live in a desert monastery might prefer the isolation that limited access provides, but the patriarch, Diodoros I, suggested that the next step might be a telephone line. In any case, when the small procession of cars arrived, the monks were assembled outside, waiting to greet the patriarch with incense and rosewater.

FOR THE some dozen monks at Mar Saba, life is not easy. They are totally segregated; the closest women can get is by ascending the so-called "women's tower", built in the 17th century.

The monks' daily routine begins at 11.30 p.m., when they rise for over five hours of prayer. The rest of the day is occupied with devotions and work inside the monastery.

Aside from the breakfast of coffee and a piece of bread, they eat only one, vegetarian, meal a day.

Only four days a week, and during Lent only on Saturday and Sunday, is oil used in preparing their meals. And only on Saturdays and Sundays and important feast days are they permitted two meals and a small glass of wine.

The monastery itself, a vast collection of walls, stairways, domes and winding passages is built over the Kidron Valley, by a gushing stream. Only the presence of heavy foam serves as a reminder that most of the water comes from Jerusalem's sewage.

At least some of the building dates from the 6th century. It was founded during the reign of Justinian by St. Saba, a monk from Cappadocia, who first lived as a hermit in a cave in the area.

Looking out from the monastery, one can still see the caves where he and his followers lived and prayed. Later they formed a *lavra* or loosely knit brotherhood of monks, living alone and meeting for prayers.

DESPITE attacks, massacres and

earthquakes, the monastery building has remained occupied, and the monks currently in residence were obviously brimming with excitement as they greeted the patriarch with a deep bow and a kiss on the hand.

After sprinkling the visitors' hands with rosewater, they led us down to the courtyard where the tomb of St. Saba was once located. In fact, the body was taken away by the Crusaders, who took it to Venice. It was only after the visit to the Holy Land by the Roman Catholic Pope Paul VI that it was returned in 1965.

Today the remains lie in a tomb inside the main church of the monastery. Above it, on a chain, are offerings from the faithful whose

prayers for intercession have evidently been answered.

The offerings include the traditional silver and gold relief impressions of human figures, jewelry and even some very plain watches. These seem to indicate a deep devotion on the part of the givers, bringing them to sacrifice, one assumes, their one valuable possession.

The chapel is covered with frescoes, some, we are told, date from several centuries ago; others were executed less than a hundred years ago. But it is impossible to tell which are the newer. Indeed, with no electricity, the only light comes from a few rays of sun which have filtered in and a few candles. On feast days, the great chandeliers with their myriads of candles are

presumably all lit.

From the chapel, we ascend to the reception room whose walls attest to the deep links between the Greek Church and the motherland. Along with portraits of the former patriarchs is a 1978 calendar with a photograph of Greece and pictures of several former rulers, including the pre-war dictator Ionnis Metaxas and the last king — but not, we note, the present left-wing prime minister.

There is also a photograph showing the monks with two soldiers of the Jordanian Arab Legion. The monks clearly did not feel called upon to remove it to placate the authorities.

Refreshments are simple but, one senses, very lavish for such a community. First a monk passes through

with a tray containing thimblefuls of brandy and pieces of Turkish delight. Then come cups of coffee with biscuits and finally glasses of water.

An elaborate inscription is written in the monastery's guest book and then, suddenly, almost hurriedly, the entourage moves out, leaving the monastery to its solitude. It is a solitude that will be broken from time to time by pilgrims from abroad, as well as by local people.

Indeed, as we drive back, we see busloads of Greek pilgrims who have come for the Easter holiday on their way to visit the monastery. On Shabbat, we are told, hundreds of Israelis provide a steady stream of visitors. One can perhaps understand why the monastery has limited its visiting hours from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

For all but the most insensitive, even a short visit to Mar Saba is an inspiration. True, the feeling of pilgrimage is shortened by the road, which allows vehicles to approach with ease, but this is a small sacrifice to the age in which we live.

In the Supreme Court sitting as the High Court of Justice before the president, Justice Meir, Shamgar, Justice Gavriel Bach and Judge Mezer Goldberg in the matter of Levi Hazan and others, the petitioners, versus Nitzav Mishne Baruch Meier and the others, the respondents (H.C. 128/84).

THE PETITIONERS were arrested by the police on suspicion of having committed certain crimes. They were refused permission to see their lawyers, and applied to the High Court of Justice for an order enabling them to do so.

In giving judgment the court emphasized at the outset that section 29 of the Criminal Procedure Law (Consolidated Version) of 1982 establishes the basic right of an arrested person to consult his lawyer. The arrest in itself does not deprive a man of his right to have contact with a person able and qualified to give him legal advice save in special circumstances set forth in the section. The right of consultation, therefore, may only be denied to a

Right to see a lawyer

LAW REPORT / Asher Felix Landau

detainees strictly within the limits laid down.

In terms of section 29(f) of the law, the court continued, the general provisions relating to the right of an arrested person to see his lawyer, and the duty of the police — under section 28 of the law — to inform the lawyer of the arrest if so requested, shall not apply in cases of persons arrested on suspicion of having committed a security offence under various sections of the law there listed, including that under which the petitioners were charged. In such cases

the rules to be followed shall be laid down in regulations issued by the Minister of Justice in consultation with the Minister of Defence, after confirmation by the Constitution, Law and Justice Committee of the Knesset. In no case, however, may the meeting be postponed for more than 15 days.

The court then referred to the relevant provisions in the Criminal Procedure Regulations (Meetings of an Arrested Person with a Lawyer) of 1981, issued under the above law. The officer in charge of an investiga-

tion, of a rank not lower than sergeant, if duly authorized by the Inspector-General of Police, may order the postponement of a meeting with the lawyer for a maximum of seven days from the arrest if satisfied that the postponement is necessary for reasons of state security or the proper conduct of the investigation. Another officer, of a rank not lower than nitav-mishne, if similarly authorized, may for the same reasons extend the postponement for a further eight days. It was not disputed in the present case that the officer who ordered the postponement held the required rank and authorization.

Since the regulations required that the order of postponement be in writing, it followed that the officer was obliged to state on which of the two grounds specified in the regulations he relied. He was not obliged to state in writing the factual particulars in his possession, save to those to whom he was responsible, but it was obvious that the detainee himself was entitled to be told clearly on the basis of which of the two grounds

mentioned the order had been given.

The court then emphasized that it was not sufficient that the postponement of the meeting be desirable or even helpful; it had to be necessary for one of the two reasons specified. Moreover, the regulations laid down the maximum periods of postponement permitted, and the officer concerned should bear in mind that the maximum may not be required in every case.

THE QUESTION arose, the court continued, how it could decide whether the grounds specified in the regulations in fact existed in the particular case before it. The officer's written order was not sufficient for this purpose, and the court therefore decided, with the consent of petitioners' counsel, to hear an explanation from the officer himself. This was done, by consent, in the absence of the petitioners and their counsel, since to act otherwise would defeat the purpose of the regulations. The court stressed, however, that without counsel's consent, it would not have been empowered to act as it did, and it therefore drew the attention of the legislature to the necessity of making adequate provision for proper judicial review of the officer's decision in every case — which, so it must be assumed, would involve hearing the officer himself.

The court was satisfied in the present case that the postponement of the petitioners' meeting with their lawyer was justified, and the petition was therefore dismissed.

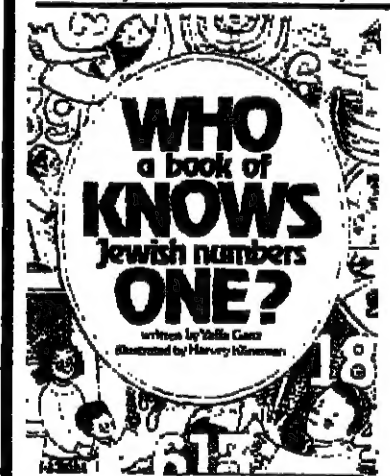
Advocate Meir Schechter appeared for the petitioners, and

Advocate Renato Yarak, director of the High Court Division of the State Attorney's office, for the respondents.

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Sports

Women athletes sue Olympics

LOS ANGELES (AP). — A Federal Court Judge on Monday blocked a bid to have women's 5,000-metre and 10,000-metre races added to the Olympic Games. The lawsuit had been filed by 82 plaintiffs from 26 countries.

In rejecting the sex-discrimination suit, District Judge David Kenyon said that while he was "sympathetic," no discrimination could be proven.

The lawsuit, backed by most of the top women distance runners in the world, was filed last September by American Civil Liberties Union attorneys against the International Olympic Committee, the International Amateur Athletic Federation, the Los Angeles Olympic Organizing Committee, the Athletic Congress, and the Los Angeles Coliseum Commission.

Listed among the 82 plaintiffs were American distance star Mary Decker, Norway's Grete Waitz, one of the best female marathon runners in the world, the International Runners Committee and the Roadrunners Club of America.

The LAOOC, a private group that is staging the games, had contended it had no jurisdiction in establishing events.

There will be 61 events for women in the 1984 summer Games, compared to 144 for men and 15 for both.

Ten new events were added this year for women, including the marathon for the first time, three for men, and one for both.

"Acknowledging that the Games have been historically 'sexist' since the modern games were started in 1896, Kenyon said evidence indicates that the discriminatory pattern has been reversed in the past 35 years.

"The number of women competing in the games has nearly tripled since 1948 while men's participation for the same period has only increased by about one-fourth," Kenyon said.

Horse sense

By SHIRLEY HIRSCH

"No hour of life is lost that is spent in the saddle."

Winston Churchill, 'My Early Life.'

"All one knows in the beginning is that one wants to ride. I have often been asked, why? Is it curiosity? The adventure? The sport? Or is it the love of the horse?"

I suspect that, in most cases, it is the last — the love of the horse. In simple terms, this large and powerful animal can be a most undemanding companion, he is a way to nature, to a certain freedom. It is said, "Any country looks twice as nice when seen between the ears of a horse!" He is willing to do anything asked of him, provided he understands what is required and is ridden the right way. Anyone can learn to ride; for riding is nothing but skill acquired by consistent practice. There are, of course, many facets to the sport. In Israel, there is racing, long-distance trekking, trail riding and "school" riding. "School" riding consists of three elements — dressage, show jumping and cross-country jumping. Basic dressage is simply a form of gymnastic training, which helps to develop the horse's physical abilities; his strength, suppleness, movement and balance. It also establishes trust, understanding and harmony between horse and rider. He must, finally, be educated to render absolute obedience, thus laying the foundation for later work, no matter what its nature.

Although dressage can be traced back to 400 B.C., jumping for jumping's sake was hardly popular before the beginning of this century. A horse must be trained to like jumping, for he will not jump an obstacle well and properly unless he wants to do so. He has a phenomenal memory, and will never forget where he has fallen or hurt himself; it is therefore very important to be patient, to understand the psychology of the animal, to have his absolute trust, and to educate him correctly from the very beginning.

Jumping competitions are very popular here — both show jumping, which comprises a set of obstacles built within the confines of an arena, and cross-country jumping,



built over a distance of two or three kilometres. These have taken place over sand dunes, through fields and woods, and, in the excellent courses designed by Kibbutz Ma'abarot, through hay-barns and cowsheds as well. All great fun and a fine test of the horse's obedience, stamina and skill.

Over the last few years quite a large number of horses have been brought from overseas. I talk not of the thoroughbred brought for racing, nor of the Arab for improved breeding, but of the heavier, larger type, most suitable for dressage and jumping. With their longer gaits and fiery temperaments, they are ideal for competitive riding, and have already contributed considerably to raising the overall standard.

The Israel Horse Society is very keen to encourage the import of these horses. The Society is affiliated to Hapoel, and has a membership of about 600, though this in no way indicates the number of riders in the country — I am told there are several thousand enthusiasts in the kibbutzim and moshavim, and many other private horse owners as well.

The Israel Horse Society wants to improve the standard of teaching, to hold more competitions within an organized framework, and one day to be able to present Israel abroad with her own team. Efforts are being made to promote more widespread instruction.

There are courses held at the riding centre at Kannot, near Ashdod, which draws young riders from all over the country. Four courses are taking place simultaneously this month, each lasting one week, for members of the Horse Society — instruction for stable managers in all forms of horsemanship, more advanced tuition for riders who have completed the three-stage diploma course, a booster course for those about to take their third-stage course, and stable management training for horse breeders. In July there is a three-week course for instructors, given at three levels, again only for members of the Horse Society. The diploma given at the end of the third stage (after three years) is the only recognized teaching certificate in the country.

At present official competitions are held at the Jockey Club in Kfar Shmaryahu, Havat Leron in Moshav Rishpon, Kannot and Havat Hadar in Rishon LeZion. In June, kibbutz Mishmar Ha'Emek has a show in memory of one of fallen sons. It holds this once a year.

The Horse Society hopes that there will be more competitions and that more riders will participate.

"Give children horses instead of money," advocated Churchill, but he was presumably talking to a privileged few, since most kids cannot afford to own a horse. This need not deter youngsters who want to ride. There are owners of horses in the Kfar Shmaryahu stable who can only come to ride once or twice a week, which means that their horses have to be cared for and exercised during the rest of the week, and cared for they are. Every day, whatever the weather, these youngsters come, some often from quite far away, to wash and brush these horses, to clean their saddles, to give them the attention a horse loves, and finally to ride them. A bewildered father said to me recently, "I don't understand it. I can't see what makes him run to those horses all the time. But, if that's what makes him happy, what can be wrong with it?"

It is the opportunity against an opponent who was well below his best form, dominating the exchanges with an impressive display from the baseline. Schneider, 28, is currently doing his military service and is somewhat short of practice.

In two other second-round contests, No. 6 seed Puni was the 6-4, 6-4 victim of Steve Rosenberg, while No. 7 Wertheimer was beaten 6-5, 6-4, 6-2 by Russell Myers. The winners were both seeded in the 32-draw, which followed a 66-strong qualifying meet over the weekend. Tournament manager is Han Ben-Ami.

Shahar Perks and Amos Mansdorf, who are seeded to meet in Thursday's final, both advanced to the quarters without problems. In the second round, Perks defeated Tomer Zimermann 6-3, 6-3, and Mansdorf came through 6-3, 6-2 against Yoram Baron. Today's programme, which also includes women's competition, begins at 1 p.m.

The Press's veteran's meet is being held at Tel Aviv's Maccabi Tzafon courts.

Upsets in Pessah tennis

By JACK LEON

Post Sports Reporter
RAMAT HASHARON. — Seeded players David Schneider, Shai Puni and Yair Wertheimer all fell by the wayside yesterday, when the Israel Tennis Association's traditional Pessah International Championships started at the Israel Tennis Centre courts, here. Two rounds were held in the men's singles competition, to make up for the entire loss of Monday's scheduled play because of rain.

Leading Swedish junior Roger Loequist, 18, caused by far the biggest upset, when he put out No. 3 seed Schneider 6-1, 6-4 in the second round. The unseeded guest took full advantage of

Psychological boost aimed for Davis Cup squad

By JACK LEON

TEL AVIV. — Israel's squad for the 1984 Davis Cup campaign will comprise Shlomo Glickstein, Shahar Perks, David Schneider, Amos Mansdorf, Eilon Sinai and Gilad Bloom, with Yosef Stabholz continuing as non-playing captain. Coach is Ron Steele and trainer Pini Shimon. Glickstein and Perks are certain to be named by the Israel Tennis Association as the team's two singles rackets, with Schneider and Mansdorf favoured to win selection as the side's other two players.

Israel — who will participate in the cup's European Zone "A" section this year — have drawn a bye in the opening round and in the second round in mid-June meet either Greece or Poland in Jerusalem. Victory would produce another home tie in the semi-finals, probably against Switzerland. Success in this summer's competition throws up the intriguing possibility for Israel of a zonal final against the Soviet Union, who have a fairly comfortable passage to the last round in the other half of the draw.

The ITA has announced that leading American sports psychologist and tennis coach Allen Fox will act as professional adviser to the Davis Cup team in the coming campaign.

Fox will spend a week assisting Steele in the team's final preparations for the second-round match in Jerusalem. ITA chairman David

Harnik has disclosed. The former U.S. Davis Cup player and Macabiah champion — who is giving his services in a voluntary capacity — has offered to return, should the Israelis win through to the semi-finals.

Last December, Fox came here on the invitation of the Israel Tennis Centre, to lecture coaches on the psychological aspects of the game. He has established an enviable reputation in this field during his six years as head tennis coach at California's Pepperdine University — lifting the college team from nowhere to the top echelons of the NCAA men's first division championships.

Fox's book *If I'm the Better Player, Why Can't I Win?* is a best-seller in the U.S. and has already been translated into several languages including German, Italian, French and Japanese.

Following the success of the just-concluded \$25,000 ATP "Golf Cup" tournament at Ashdod, the ITA proposes to hold two more events next year, Harnik reported. The ITA now plans to add a second event to the schedule in order to give more home players the opportunity to enter pro-tournaments. Eliezer Israel took part in the main draw of 32. In this year's event there were another 20 locals in the 64-draw qualifier. That was the largest home entry in any of the six men's pro-meets held here to date. A further incentive for Israelis is the proposal to increase the main draw from 32 to 48 next year.

Another feature of the Ashdod event was the participation of 65 overseas players from 15 countries, far more than in any of the earlier Grand Prix or ATP tournaments staged in Israel.

New York Stock Exchange

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Commendable caution

DEFENCE MINISTER Moshe Arens and other official spokesmen have acted with commendable caution this week in putting the brakes on the dangerously escalating war of nerves with Syria.

Little was to be gained from levelling a finger at Syria for last Thursday's bus hijacking and other recent acts of terror — not, that is, unless Jerusalem was planning to take some firm action against Damascus. For little is as debilitating to a nation's credibility as the persistent uttering of what might be perceived by the addressee as a series of empty threats.

In this particular case, there is also the added danger that the threats might be taken seriously. Damascus is plainly on tenterhooks at the moment, given President Hafez Assad's uncertain state of health. Apart from that, the advancement of the Knesset elections has raised the fear that the Likud government might attempt some dramatic military operation to compensate for its fiasco in Lebanon and to redress its low standing in the latest public opinion polls — something analogous to the raid on Iraq's nuclear reactor before the last elections.

Accordingly, even the slightest sign of something out of the ordinary in Israel's military posture — like last week's limited public call-up exercise — or warnings that Syria might be held responsible for the latest terrorist attacks, are enough to sound the alarms in the Syrian capital.

Israel is undoubtedly acting well within its rights in warning Damascus that it will not tolerate Syrian support for an escalating campaign against this country. But at the same time, Jerusalem should bear in mind that it is not dealing with the stable, more or less predictable regime it has learned to live with in Damascus over the past thirteen years.

Rumour is rife that President Assad's health has suffered a further serious deterioration, and there are persistent reports that the power struggle for the succession in Damascus is escalating. All this adds up to what appears to be an acute sense of instability in the Syrian capital.

In such conditions, rational concern in Damascus about Israel's intentions can all too easily degenerate into irrational panic — with wholly unpredictable results. Such a development would plainly serve no useful purpose. And the government is taking a prudent line in relieving the pressure on Damascus until the internal situation there clarifies, one way or another.

Dr. Burg's premature kudos

THE AFFABLE Dr. Burg, Israel's cabinet minister almost since time immemorial, always has a surprise up his sleeve. For a fleeting moment last Sunday, one was tempted to say a hearty, traditional *shehecheyanu* — that we lived to see this day — upon hearing the news that the controversial leader of the National Religious Party had finally agreed to step down from his cabinet post after the July elections.

Queried by reporters who failed to believe that the day of Dr. Burg's abdication was near, he explained that he had planned retirement in November 1985, but that in view of the early elections this year he had done some re-thinking. What exactly that re-thinking meant was not entirely clear, for he could not be certain that his party would be part of the next government coalition.

Pressed by Chief Rabbi Avraham Shapira, who has been trying hard to bring the warring NRP factions together before the elections, Dr. Burg apparently had agreed reluctantly to make a vague promise about his future plans, rather than accept the Chief Rabbi's original demand that he vacate the top spot on the NRP list.

But as the day grew longer, it transpired that this great survivor of Israel's politics is not that easily pinned down. Dr. Burg's promise to retire from politics was interpreted by him to mean that he would step down next winter from any cabinet post he may hold.

So the NRP is still saddled with Dr. Burg, although this may mean that they will lose even more votes this year than in 1981. The *shehecheyanu* was simply premature.



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It is a pity, because they were a party and had an ideology once upon a time. They even owned a newspaper (*Ha'aker*). Their policy was that of true liberals the world over: freedom of the individual, private enterprise, respect for the rights of others, a readiness to compromise, common sense, give-and-take — all the pragmatic virtues.

They represented the opposite extreme to the fanaticism — collectivist, theocratic or nationalist — of other parties in our times.

Uniting with Herut to form Gahal under Begin's leadership spelt a betrayal of the Liberal vision. The man who completed this fusion was the late Simcha Ehrlich. The faithful old-timers — Elimelech Rimalt, Zalman Abramov — could not stomach his deviation: they dropped out of the leadership.

EHRLICH'S THINKING was simplistic. In domestic policy the

IN THE general elections to the 11th Knesset, more votes are liable to be lost than in any previous election. One reason is connected with the election date — July 23 — which falls in the middle of the summer holidays. Another has to do with the multiplicity of small lists which are being organized.

It is impossible to forecast how many of these "lost" votes would support the parties and ideologies which make up the present coalition, and how many of them belong to the opposition. My concern is, quite naturally, with the potential "lost" votes which could help bring about the much-needed change in the country's government.

My first appeal is to those who can afford to escape Israel's hot

PHANTOM PARTY

By DAVID KRIVINE

principles of liberalism are clear: minimal government interference, maximal freedom for the individual, open competition in a market economy, liquidation of monopolies and cartels. But what is a liberal foreign policy? Does it say where Israel's frontiers should be, or how to deal with Arab hostility?

Ehrlich didn't know the answer — and didn't care. He was ready to let Begin decide, provided he (Ehrlich) was left with a free hand in the area he thought he understood: economics. That was the formula on which Likud unity was based: Herut to dominate external affairs, with Begin as premier; the Liberals to dominate economic affairs, with Ehrlich as finance minister.

The decision to abdicate all responsibility for foreign affairs was a cardinal sin. Ehrlich's system gradually broke down. The principles of liberalism cannot be confined to the domestic scene, they have a place in international relations, too. Begin's foreign policy could be reconciled with the ideals of liberalism during his first term of office, 1977-81. It could not during his

second term after 1981.

Liberalism is a doctrine of peace, not of war. Countries that go to war cannot afford a liberal regime. The prohibitive cost of hostilities wrecks the balance of economic forces on which liberalism depends. The government has to step in with heavy-handed controls.

The Liberals were unable to "liberalize" Israel's economic policy. Ehrlich scrapped foreign-exchange controls, but was totally unable to enforce the other complementary schemes, like monetary stability.

Results were two: First, his ham-fisted act of de-control led to three-figure inflation. Second, his de-control edict was the last liberal measure attempted in either of the two Likud administrations.

NOW HERUT has taken, in addition to the prime ministerial, foreign affairs and defence portfolios, the finance portfolio as well. The government is spending more than it did under the socialists, the budget deficit is greater than it ever was in the days of Eshkol or Sapir.

LOST VOTES

By SHEVAH WEISS

summer and take their vacation abroad. It is really not too much to ask them to plan their holidays in such a way that on the day ballots are cast they will be here both to do their civic duty and to make their contribution towards bringing about the counter upheaval in Israeli politics.

To those who consider that travelling abroad is an elegant way out of having to decide who to vote for, when none of the lists — or

leaders — seem to offer any ideal solution, my answer is: it is not perfection which is at stake, but the future existence and image of the State of Israel.

Those who really care about these factors cannot risk losing by default. One wonders if any of the 25 per cent of the Herut Central Committee members who did not turn up for the Sharon-Shamir contest on April 12 now regret their complacency.

Privatization has not even started. Labour sold off shares in other government assets — Zim Navigation, the Haifa Refineries. The Liberals, after declaiming against state-ownership for three decades, sold off practically nothing. Medical care continues to be the province of the Histadrut's Kupat Holim: the Likud's national health insurance scheme is stuck forever in some parliamentary committee.

Taxation was reduced by Labour under Yehoshua Rabinovich (on the recommendation of the Ben-Shahar committee), and was increased again by the Likud under Cohen-Orad (back from a 60 per cent ceiling to 66 per cent). The foreign-trade deficit is wider than ever before. Devaluation takes place every day, the shekel has ceased to be a currency.

The Liberals preached virtue for a generation before they came to power. Knesset Member Yohanan Bader of Herut used to croak his genial criticisms of the government's economic policy, promising a new era when his faction took office. Where is the new era? What has the Liberal Party contributed in terms of policy during the last seven years?

Answer: absolutely nothing. The six Liberal ministers — Moda'i, Nissim, Patt, Sharir, Grupper and Sara Doron — have not introduced a single new idea between them. Their policies are the policies of their predecessors, with an even greater inclination (on the part of Patt in industry and Grupper in agriculture) towards protectionism. The record of the Liberals in office is a complete blank.

WHY SHOULD anyone vote Liberal in the coming elections? The absurdity is that they can't vote if they want to. The Liberals exist, and don't exist. They exist when it comes to jobs for the boys, they don't exist when it comes to seeking a mandate from the people.

Nobody can vote Liberal, there's not a Liberal slate. You vote Likud, which means Herut — and Herut allocates 13 seats (perhaps less next time) to their poor relations down the street, as part of a private agreement concluded behind closed doors. (A Liberal MK is trying to get a copy of the text from Herut, without success.)

Why do people join the Liberal Party? Presumably because it will prise jobs out of Herut. There is no other reason. The party does not fight for liberal principles, if anything, it does the opposite. It shares responsibility for the increased clericalism ruling the country. It allowed Sharon to wreak his carnage in Lebanon.

What right has the Liberal Party to go on carrying that name? Let it merge with Herut or with Herut into the Likud, and stop existing as a separate entity. The name "Liberal" should be released for use by some other political grouping, one with genuinely liberal policies — Shinui, perhaps, or Weizman's new party, in the unlikely event that it turns out to have a liberal philosophy.

Liberalism is an ideal, valid to this day: It has been buried deep underground by the party which used to be its official spokesman.

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IN THE CASE of the small lists, the problem of "lost" votes is a different one, and is connected with the fact that many of these lists will not pass the threshold necessary to get at least one Knesset seat. Though in Israel, this blocking percentage is extremely low — a list which gets at least 1 per cent of the total votes cast can get a seat in the Knesset — the greater the number of lists the fewer the ones with a chance of getting through.

It is estimated that the small lists contest for the souls of 10 to 15 per cent of the electorate, and many of these small lists stand for left-wing and liberal principles.

Furthermore, many fine personalities, whose voices should be heard loud and clear, stand at the

head of many of these lists. Nevertheless, the moderate voter should reflect a thousand times before casting his or her vote for a list which might find itself outside the 11th Knesset.

The experience of Sheli in the elections to the 10th Knesset should constitute a warning. The result was that the many supporters of Sheli are not represented in the current Knesset by anyone and I, for one, find this regrettable.

For their part, the small splinter parties on the left and to the centre should seriously consider joining together in blocs to ensure that their voters do not end up voting in vain.

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READERS' LETTERS

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post
Sir, — In answer to Macabee Dean's vitriolic attack on Halacha in "The Pale of Halacha" (March 8), in which he shows his ignorance or twisted misinterpretation of Halacha, I want to say the following:

In the Talmud Gittin, folio 61A, it says: "Our Rabbis have taught: We support the poor of the heathen along with the poor of Israel and visit the sick of the heathen along with the sick of Israel, and bury the poor of the heathen along with the dead of Israel, in the interests of peace."

I would suggest that The Jerusalem Post hire some learned men to check all their output to prevent such ignorant remarks in the future.

Murderers and all kinds of ill characters are buried in separate parts of a Jewish cemetery.

Dean ignores the statements of the chief rabbis and many other religious leaders who have condemned this act of body snatching.
JOSHUA S. WEINTRAUB
Jerusalem.

Macabee Dean comments:

The quotation cited by Joshua S. Weintraub shows a grandeur of spirit. Unfortunately, the gap between this spirit in theory and in actual practice shows a distinct niggardliness. We are exempt from questioning the implementation of the first two concepts of this quotation, since they are not under discussion.

But as regards the last part, the rabbinate not only refused to "bury the poor of the heathen along with the dead of Israel," but it is still fighting against doing so. True, the chief rabbis, as well as many other religious organizations, vigorously condemned the act of body snatching; they also condemn the throwing of stones by the Orthodox, but they do little to stop it.

Weintraub would have been wise to continue to expound on this quotation, by pointing out that the accepted interpretation is that Jews are required to give Gentiles a decent burial too, in line with the religious practices of these Gentiles. But not even this was done. Employees of the Rishon Lezion burial society have admitted to having transferred the body of Tereza Anghelovici to a Moslem cemetery. Certainly, they know the difference between a Christian and a Moslem cemetery.

HALACHA AND THE LAW OF THE LAND

But even if they had reburied the body in a Christian cemetery, in line with the interpretation of this quotation, it is not the dry letter of the Halacha which is important, but the spirit of the Halacha, for Tereza Anghelovici considered herself a Jewess.

Sir, — The barbarous circumstances surrounding the disinterment and subsequent reburial of Tereza Anghelovici have rightly been condemned by all decent-minded people, but Macabee Dean's rather hysterical attack on the rabbinate completely misses the point of the issues involved.

The fact is that (whether of human or Divine origin) the Halacha is a corpus of law and its interpreters and administrators are our rabbis. Just like civil jurists in Israel, the U.S.A., Britain or anywhere, they are bound by definite legal parameters. It is utterly unreasonable to expect any jurist charged with the administration of a corpus of law to rule in ways that are in direct contravention of that law, and Macabee Dean's call for the rabbinate to "display its generosity and show that it could rise above its narrow parochial viewpoint to an all-embracing universal one..." is about as valid as expecting a British judge to accept as legal a will that has been improperly drawn up (irrespective of the intentions of the testator), or a U.S. court to convict a known and dangerous criminal even if the requirements permitting such a conviction have not been met. That

road leads to chaos, anarchy and a breakdown of law.

The undoubted worthiness as a human being of, say, Raoul Wallenberg, who would be inadmissible for burial in a Jewish cemetery, compared to "murderers, pimps, rapists etc.", is completely beside the point, irrelevant and nothing but a red herring. The duty of administrators of any body of law is to administer it; and without doubt, many decisions that such administrators must take are extremely painful to them — but the choice is not theirs.

Finally, Macabee Dean's appeal for "the silent majority" to hold protest demonstrations" (which might well lead to violence) "in front of the rabbinate" is a dangerous and demagogic example of incitement in an already sufficiently divided society. Surely the last thing we need is calls for further confrontations rather than a search for means of cooperation and reconciliation.

GERSHON YEVININ
Jerusalem.

Macabee Dean comments:
Gershon Yevinin has made a "rather hysterical" and invalid comparison between what he himself calls the "barbarous circumstances surrounding the disinterment and subsequent reburial of Tereza Anghelovici" and a British judge's refusal to convict a dangerous criminal without sufficient evidence. The circumstances are vastly different.

But his general argument about

the law of the land (in a democratic country) being supreme is well taken. The final instance of the law of the Land of Israel is the Supreme Court, which has not yet ruled in favour of the rabbinate.

As for demonstrations, why should they be permitted only to the chief rabbi of Petah Tikva?

Sir, — *Kol Hakavod* for Macabee Dean's article of March 8. He is one of the few "gentlemen of the press," who have the courage to write and publish what is, I believe, on the minds of the large majority of the people of Israel.

Dean put it very clearly that there is a point when the citizen must say: Enough!

Tel Aviv.

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AWARDS

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post
Sir, — In your report, "Social-services volunteers get awarded for their work" (April 2), there were two errors:

Ziva Moyal of Beer-Sheva received her award for work with the mentally ill and alcoholics, not with the mentally retarded.

Hila Gil is from Hadera, not Jerusalem.

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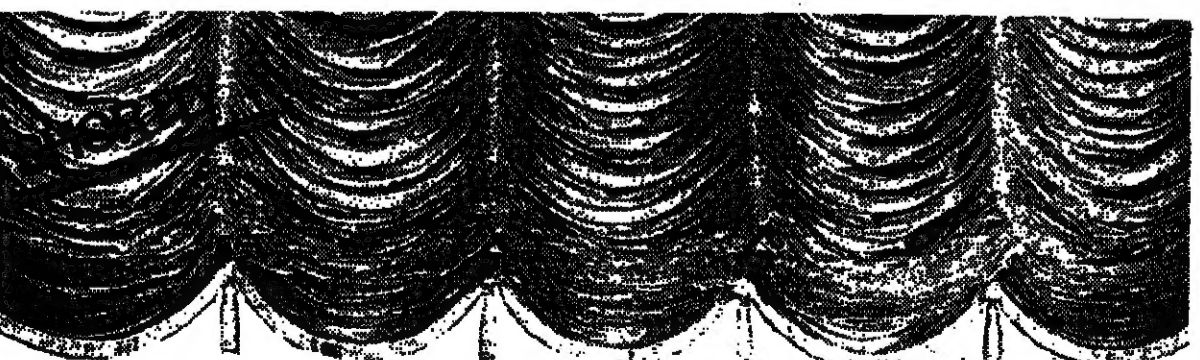
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